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HAPPY NEW MILLENNIUM

No, I'm not a year late and I do agree with our president Lou Vesh when he says, in his last month's message, that the millennium is just now officially beginning. Regardless, it is my sincere hope that everyone does have a 'Happy and Healthy New Year'; one that sees all your many wishes and aspirations fulfilled.

EDITOR'S NEW ADDRESS

I will be moving to a new home near *the end of this month* so please take note of my new address so all correspondence will end up at the correct place. **As of January 26th** my address will be **12 Peter Street R.R.#1 Grand Valley, Ontario, Can., L0N 1G0**. Until then , my address is as shown in the header above. If you are sending material to me *late in the month*, it would be best to *use my new address*.

At this point, I don't know whether the February newsletter will get out *on time* or not. I can only hope that it gets out. Moving, after living in one place for thirty-three years is a 'no fun' experience. Both my wife, Ann, and myself have been heard to say many, many times lately, as we sort and pack " I don't know what that belongs to, so I guess I'll throw it out." or "I 'd forgotten I even owned one of these.". Being a collector, one does accumulate so much 'stuff'.

ALBERNI VALLEY COIN CLUB - MCLEAN MILL NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE:

In last month's newsletter (Dec. 2000, page 4) , I showed a wood issued by the Alberni Valley Coin Club that recognizes and promotes the McLean Mill in Port Alberni, B.C. Since then, I have received considerable material (a special commemorative supplement) that was used to promote this mill and its grand opening on July 1st, 2000. I have reproduced some of this material (mostly pictures) to show on pages five and six of this newsletter. The Alberni Valley Coin Club is and has been a member of CAWMC for many years. The club has the wood, shown again on page two, for sale. This wood was created by the club for the 40th anniversary year of the club and to commemorate the opening of the McLean Mill National Historic Site. The wood is available for $1.00 and a SASE from Mr. Carl Johnson 4117 Craig St., Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 5Y4. A copy of the special commemorative supplement will be included with your order.

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ALBERNI VALLEY COIN CLUB – MCLEAN MILL NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE:

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The Alberni Valley Coin Club has produced a number of tokens, trade dollars and medallions over the years. They have also issued a number of woods, for example, *the 1995 wood* for the club's *35th anniversary*. This wood was a *free wood of the month* in our newsletter of **August 1996**, *'Salmon Capital of the World'.* In the official listing of Canadian Woods, there are now fourteen different woods listed for Port Alberni, B.C. If any members know of other Port Alberni woods or other numismatic material not listed, the Alberni Valley Coin Club would certainly like to know as they are compiling both a written account and a collection of all actual items of all numismatic material relating to the Port Alberni area. Once again, the McLean Mill wood, shown here is available for $1.00 each and a SASE from Mr. C. Johnson 4117 Craig St., Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 5Y4.

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Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This month's free wood is courtesy of our president Lou Vesh and his wife Yvonne of West Guilford, Ontario. They have provided enough of their Christmas 2000 woods for all our CAWMC members. Lou has a write-up on the wood (next page) in his 'My Wooden Nickel's Worth' article. The wood is multi coloured on both sides. Thanks for this donation Lou and Yvonne.

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MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH ..... by Lou Vesh

Many talks and sermons in the past year have been on the topic of peace . Thus the theme of this year's Christmas wood from the Veshs. Although this motif was used in 1991, (5944-032), it seems even more fitting for the Christmas of the final year of this millennium. In this arrangement, the dove of peace appears from above and spreads its wings over the globe as if to bring peace to its entirety. The word "Peace" is randomly multicoloured as are the many colours and cultures of the world. Although the "Christmas" banner was stamped separately, it is placed directly under the "One", and printed in the same colour. It may be read as "One Christmas Wooden Nickel", or separated, to suit your own interpretation. Just for the record, there were 2 strikes on the "peace" side and 4 strikes on the date side for a total of 6 strikes per wood. Final production figure was 315.

Late as usual, this wood was not completed in time to include an article in the December issue of Timber Talk. It will, however, be a free wood of the month sometime in the year 2001. Since there is an ample supply, I hope to eventually get them out to all those non-members on my mailing list, even if it's after the first robin returns from winter migration.

Yvonne and I have taken a short migration too. A week in each of Arizona, California, and Nevada, will end our 3 week escape for this winter. Then it's back to some serious attention to wooden nickels.

I hope your Yule season was enjoyable and that Santa included many new woods when he filled your stocking.

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REMINDER!!!

Hopefully everyone has taken the time to renew their membership in CAWMC for the year **2001**. Dues are paid and sent to ***Al Munro*** Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, Alberta, Can., T2P 3C1. Please do it ***now*** if you haven't already done so. See the bottom of page two for membership dues information.

CHRISTMAS WOODS:

I have already received a number of these now and look forward to receiving even more. I intend to show all of them in next month's newsletter along with any information provided to obtain them. If you have one and haven't yet sent it to me, send it along so I can show them all.

JERRY REMICK ISSUES TWO, YEAR 2000, CHRISTMAS, WOOD FLATS:

-submitted by Jerry Remick

To commemorate the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th, 2000, **Jerry Remick** has issued two **differently** designed wood flats (shown below). For each of the two issues of wood flats, there are two colour varieties.

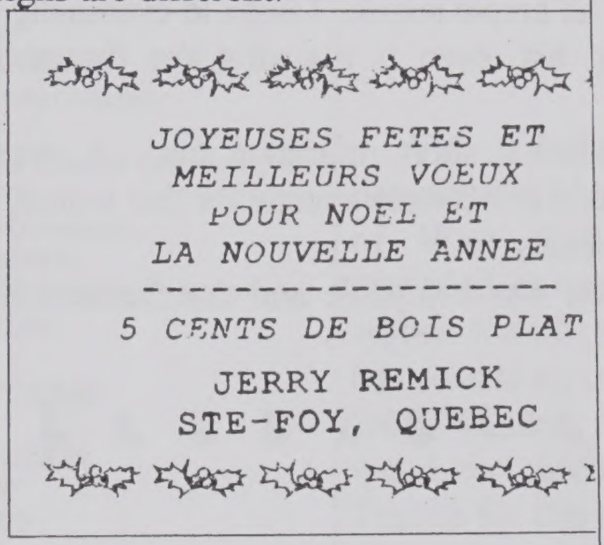
One flat, printed by Norm Belsten, on light maple wood, shows Mary with the baby Jesus in her lap. *Fifty* of these flats show Mary and Jesus in red with a green border. A different *fifty* flats show Mary and Jesus in blue with a red border. The text on the reverse side is in French, with *fifty* woods having a green border and *fifty* woods with a red border. For at least the last five years Jerry's Christmas wood flats have been the only Christmas wooden nickel with a reverse side in French.

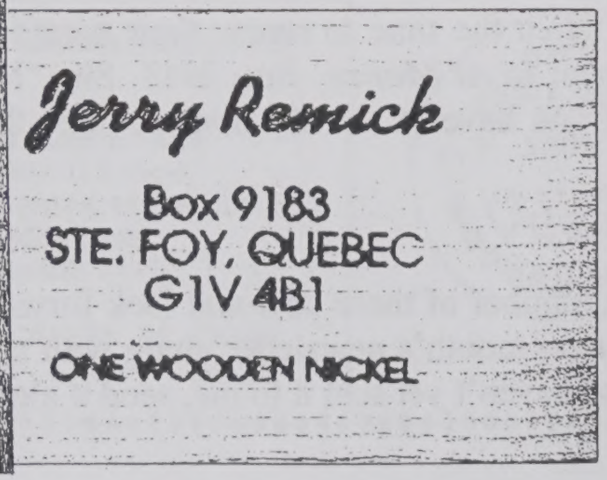
The second wood flat is made by Canada Wide Woods. It is printed on black cherry wood using *a new picture die*. It shows Jesus in a manger with the star of Bethlehem above. Jerry's name and address are on the reverse side. *Fifty* of the woods have a reverse in red and *fifty* have a reverse in green.

The hot stamped process with its bright foil colours was used to make all woods.

This set of <u>four</u> year 2000 wood flats is available from Jerry for $2.00 postpaid. Jerry's address is P.O. Box 9183 Ste. Foy, Quebec, Canada G1V 4B1.

Similar sets of four flats are available at $2.00 postpaid for years 1997, 1998 and 1999. Each year's two obverse designs are different.

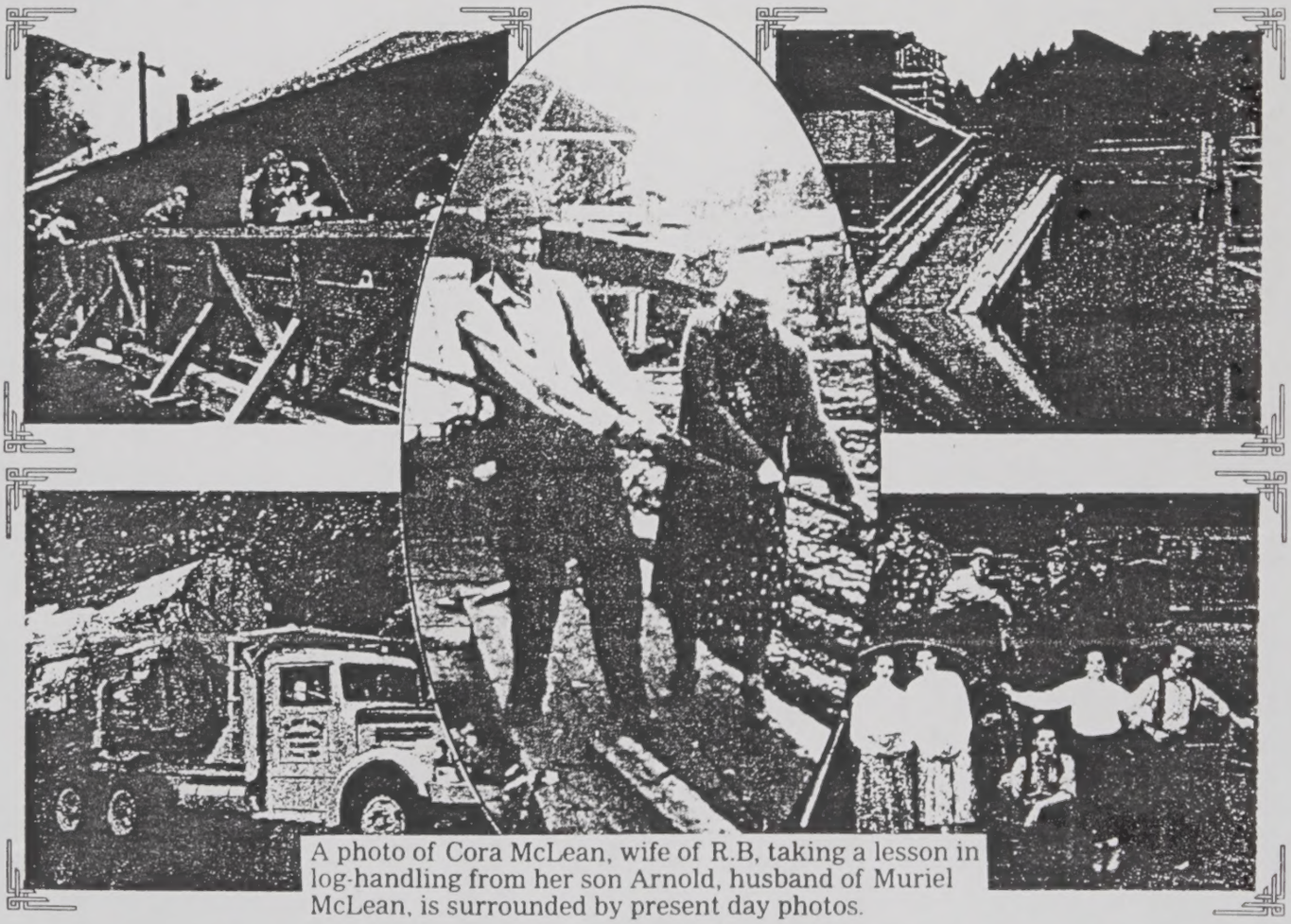




MCLEAN MILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE:

Port Alberni invites you to visit our McLean Mill National Historic Site

GRAND OPENING JULY 1ST 2000



A photo of Cora McLean, wife of R.B, taking a lesson in log-handling from her son Arnold, husband of Muriel McLean, is surrounded by present day photos.

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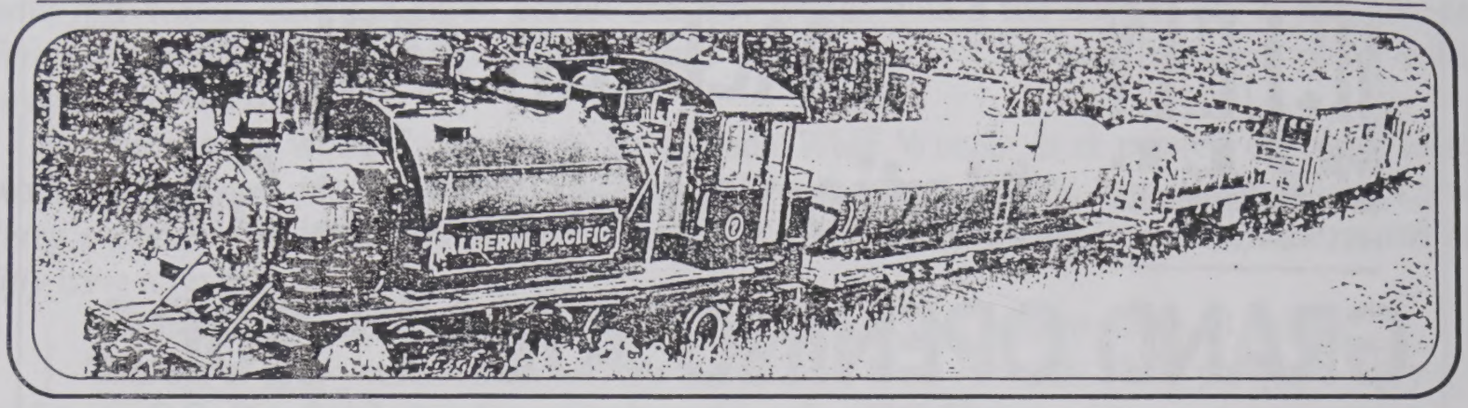
MCLEAN MILL NATIONAL HISTORICAL SITE: continued-

Mill was once a community unto itself

The McLean Mill National Historic Site is a former sawmill camp complex originally owned and operated by the R.B. McLean Lumber Company. The lumber company was a family run business which operated from 1926 to 1965. Logging took place on land surrounding the mill and the nearby Beaufort Range.

The mill, buildings and equipment were donated in 1984 to the City of Port Alberni by the McLean Family. In 1989 the McLean Mill was declared a National Historic Site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. In 1994 the land base was donated by MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. to the City of Port Alberni.



All aboard!

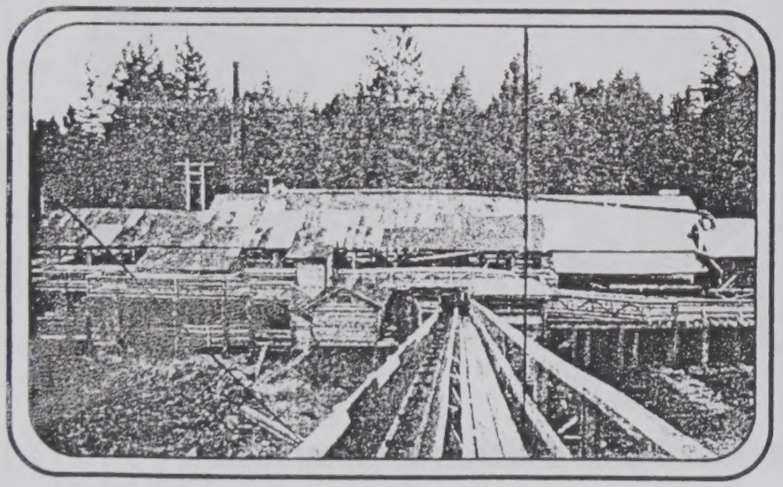
Port Alberni has a working steam engine offering passenger rides along the waterfront on summer weekends from the restored E&N Railway station.

Plans are to expand the service to provide rides out to the McLean Mill National Historic Site aboard the authentic 90-tonne 1929 APL Baldwin 2-8-2T steam locomotive, affectionately known in these parts as "Number 7".

The Western Vancouver Island Industrial Heritage Society volunteers invest a massive amount of time and effort in keeping the train running and take great pride in their accomplishment.

In its working days, this locomotive was operated by four different logging operations, all on Vancouver Island. While in service at Franklin River, the loci was involved in a tragic accident, crashing through the Franklin River bridge, killing members of the crew.

The locomotive, however, was pulled from the river, saved, and later lovingly restored.



View from the waste chute

Muriel McLean - 100 years old